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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 10 a.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. LEAHY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Precious Lord, Your power, mercy, and grace continue to sustain us. Your power energizes us to face the challenges that require more than human wisdom. Your mercy protects us when we fall short of your glory, and your grace gives us merit we don't deserve.

Lord, empower our Senators for today's journey, providing them with confidence to draw near to You. May they pass through this day in companionship with You, lifting their hearts frequently in prayer. Give them wisdom to learn to be faithful stewards of the gifts You have provided.

We pray in Your Holy Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. KELLY). The Senator from Vermont.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, first, I am going to do the administrative stuff.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 2670 and S. 2671

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President. I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. clerk will read the bills by title for a second time.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2670) to provide for redistricting reform, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 2671) to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide for additional disclosure requirements for corporations, labor organizations, Super PACs and other entities, and for other purposes.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President. in order to place the bills on the calendar under provisions of rule XIV, I would object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objections having been heard, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, this morning, we resume consideration of bipartisan infrastructure bill. There will be a vote at noon to invoke cloture on the substitute amendment, which will move the process forward by the book.

Democrats are very eager to start voting on further amendments, but we need consent from the Chamber to schedule those amendment votes. We worked all day Thursday to come up with an agreement with our Republican colleagues on such a package but unfortunately were not able to. So we can get this done the easy way or the hard way. In either case, the Senate will stay in session until we finish our work. It is up to my Republican colleagues how long it takes.

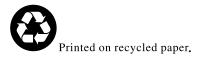
I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

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Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I applaud what the majority leader just said. We are here. A lot of Senators, both Republicans and Democrats, have rearranged schedules to be here. Let's go forth and do the country's business. If people have amendments they want, bring them up. Vote them up or vote them down. But let's just get on and do our work.

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